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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER Int.Cl ⁷ A61L2/14, H05H1/46		
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) Int.Cl ⁷ A61L2/14, H05H1/46		
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y A	JP 1-502883 A (Jacob, Adir), 05 October, 1989 (05.10.89), Claims; page 3, lower right column, line 1 to page 4, upper left column, line 11; page 6, upper left column, lines 8 to 20; Fig. 2 & US 4931261 A & US 6149878 A & WO 1988/006459 A1 & WO 1996/040296 A2 & WO 1990/011784 A1 & JP 11-505166 A & EP 303682 A1 & EP 837700 A1 & EP 465569 A1	1-8 3-9 10, 11
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X Y	JP 63-89162 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Purazuma System), 20 April, 1988 (20.04.88), Full text (Family: none)	1,2 3-9
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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Since a technique for sterilizing by generating plasma by microwave is publicly known, the invention in claim 1 is not a technical feature common to the inventions in claims 1-9.

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